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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 12th September 1958.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Superintendents in the Madras Secretariat Service.

* 16 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to convert the non-gazetted posts of Superintendents in the Madras Secretariat Service into Gazetted posts; and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any proposal to bring there within the purview of the Madras Public Service Commission?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Indigenous systems of medicine

* 17 Q.—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether and when any amount has been sanctioned by the Central Government for purposes of research in the indigenous systems of medicine in the College of Integrated Medicine;

(*b*) if so, the amounts allotted for (i) Ayurveda, (ii) Unani and (iii) Siddha; and

(*c*) the amounts spent out of the same?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir. A sum of Rs. 20,000 was sanctioned by the Government of India in February 1958.

(*b*) No separate amount has been allotted for Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha but the Government of India have granted financial assistance at the rate of Rs. 2,000 per bed for the Research Scheme.

(*c*) Rs. 724·19 till 30th June 1958.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : We have been frequently reading in the papers that the Government of India have been giving various grants to various States in this Union. Unfortunately, why is it that we have not applied for any such

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grants from the Central Government for the encouragement of Ayurveda and for which purpose they have given grants to the Kerala State, to Rajasthan and to the West Bengal State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : We are getting this amount from the Government of India for research work here. The number of beds allotted for Ayurveda is 10, for Siddha 30 and for Unani 10. Why we have not got more amount from the Government of India . . .

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Have the Government applied at all for more money? That is what I want to know.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If the hon. Member puts his suggestions concretely, then I shall be able to answer him, Sir.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : 1957-வது ஆண்டில் மத்திய சர்க்கார் இந்த ஆராய்ச்சிக்காகப் பணம் கொடுத்தார்களா ? அது செல விடப்பட்டதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. The amount was allotted for 1957–58. But, it could not be implemented in that year. It is being implemented this year and the Government of India have agreed that we could make use of that amount.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is the research carried on in the College of Integrated Medicine on the indigenous basis or on the modern scientific basis?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : This research is solely on indigenous lines. I have also indicated the number of beds allotted for each branch of medicine under the indigenous system.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Everyone knows that there is no such thing as research in the indigenous system of medicine and it is only in the modern scientific system that experiments are being conducted and research carried on. That being so, how is it possible for anybody to carry on any research in the indigenous system, as is stated now?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am afraid the hon. Member is talking of his impression of by-gone days. Recently, this has been introduced and research is being carried on. It has just been started and it has begun to work.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : There must be some basis for research. So far as the modern system of medicine is concerned, we have very well-laid principles or policies and it is, therefore, possible to conduct experiments on these lines. But, I wonder whether the Hon. Minister is aware of any such principle or basis adopted in the matter of research in the indigenous system of medicine. That is my submission, Sir.

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, our Indian system of medicine also has very well-laid principles. We have had that system in the past. But, unfortunately, it was lost. We are now trying to revive it and build it on a rational basis.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : நாட்டு வைத்திய முறைகளில் விஞ்ஞான முறைப்படியே ஆராய்ச்சி செய்ய முடியும். அது முடியும் என்பதால் தானே இப்போது இவ்வளவு பணம் நாட்டு வைத்திய முறைகளின் ஆராய்ச்சிக்காகச் செலவிடப்படுகிறது என்று கனம் அமைச்சரைக் கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சொல்வது முற்றிலும் சரி. அந்த முறையில் தான் இப்போது ஆராய்ச்சிகள் நடத்தப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, shall I put a separate question for information regarding the principles on which this research is going to be made?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, under this research scheme particularly, the Government of India have indicated certain diseases such as asthma, diabetes, etc., and they want to know whether the Indian medicine will be superior or at least equal to the modern medicine in combating such diseases.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Does it mean that they are going to do some research on the medicines or on the diseases?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : On the patients, Sir. (Laughter.)

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இந்திய வைத்தியத்தில் புற்று நோய்க்குச் சிறந்த பரிகாரம் இருப்பதாகத் தெரிகிறது. இந்த ஆராய்ச்சியில் அதுவும் சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? இல்லையானால், இனிமேல் அதுவும் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இப்போது நான் குறிப்பிட்ட வியாதிகளில் அது இல்லை. இனிமேல் அதையும் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளலாம்.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : While carrying on research on patients, suppose something happens to them. Will the Government of Madras be prepared to compensate the survivors? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Our system is such that nothing untoward will happen. (Prolonged laughter.)

Vaigai Project

* 18 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a workman died of an epidemic disease in Vaigai Project site towards the end of January 1958;